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SUBJ: CANADA/U.S. TRADE IN AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

1. STATISTICS CANADA RELEASED ON JULY 14 CANADA/U.S. TRADE STATISTICS IN AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS FOR FIRST QUARTER 1976, SHOWING CANADIAN DEFICIT OF C\$318 MILLION (DOWN FROM C\$415 MILLION IN FIRST QUARTER 1975).

2. CANADIAN EXPORTS TO U.S. TOTALED C\$1,859 MILLION (C\$839 MILLION FOR CARS, C\$326 MILLION FOR TRUCKS, C\$664 MILLION FOR PARTS, AND C\$30 MILLION FOR TIRES AND TUBES). CANADIAN IMPORTS FROM U.S. TOTALED C\$2,177 MILLION (C\$519 MILLION FOR CARS, C\$220 MILLION FOR TRUCKS, C\$1,399 MILLION FOR PARTS, AND C\$39 MILLION FOR TIRES AND TUBES).

3. CANADIAN EXPORTS TO U.S. RAN 46.2 PERCENT OVER FIRST QUARTER 1975 (C\$1,859 MILLION VERSUS C\$1,267 MILLION), WHEREAS CANADIAN IMPORTS INCREASED 29.5 PERCENT (C\$2,177 MILLION VERSUS C\$1,682 MILLION).

4. CANADIAN AUTOMOTIVE TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FOR FIRST QUARTER 1976 WAS IN DEFICIT BY C\$133 MILLION (C\$99 MILLION IN EXPORTS AND C\$232 MILLION IN IMPORTS). THIS WAS SHARP INCREASE IN DEFICIT OF
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C\$14 MILLION FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1975.

5. IN TERMS OF PASSENGER CAR IMPORTS, JAPAN
EXPANDED SHARE OF FIRST QUARTER IMPORTS TO 18.8 PERCENT
IN 1976 FROM 13.3 PERCENT IN 1975 WHILE U.S. SHARE
FELL FROM 79.4 PERCENT TO 72.0 PERCENT. TOTAL
PASSENGER CARS IMPORTED IN FIRST QUARTER 1976 WERE
179,100 UNITS, WITH U.S. SUPPLYING 129,000 UNITS AND
JAPAN 33,700 UNITS.
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